

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition of water-in-water emulsion-comprising:
a cosmetically acceptable aqueous medium,[[::]]
at least one surfactant, wherein the amount of said surfactant ranges from 4% to 50% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition,
at least 2.25% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition, of at least one water-soluble mineral or organic salt comprising, when it is organic, from 1 to 7 carbon atoms in the anion,
at least 0.5% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition, of at least one cationic polymer with a weight-average molecular mass of greater than 10^5 ,
wherein the weight ratio of the in an at least one water-soluble salt[[/]] to the at least one cationic polymer-weight ratio of has a value greater than or equal to 4.5, characterized in that said composition is a water-in-water emulsion.

2-19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the weight ratio of the at least one water-soluble salt[[/]] to the at least one cationic polymer weight ratio ranges has a value ranging from 4.5 to 19.

21. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 20, characterized in that the weight ratio of the at least one water-soluble salt[[/]] to the at least one cationic polymer weight ratio ranges has a value ranging from 4.5 to 15.

22. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said at least one surfactant is chosen from at least one anionic surfactant, characterized in that said at least one anionic surfactant is optionally combined with at least one surfactant chosen from amphoteric and nonionic surfactants.

23. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 22, characterized in that said at least one surfactant is chosen from a combination of at least one anionic surfactant and at least one amphoteric surfactant.

24. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 22, characterized in that the at least one anionic surfactant is chosen from alkali metal salts, ammonium salts, amine salts, amino alcohol salts, and alkaline-earth metal salts of the following compounds:

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl sulfates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl ether sulfates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkylamido ether sulfates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkylarylpolyether sulfates wherein the aryl group is chosen from a phenyl group or a benzyl group,

C₆-C₂₄ monoglyceride sulfates[;].

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl sulfonates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl ether carboxylates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl phosphates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkylamide sulfonates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkylaryl sulfonates wherein the aryl group is chosen from a phenyl group or a benzyl group,

C₆-C₂₄ α -olefin sulfonates,

C₆-C₂₄ paraffin sulfonates[;].

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl sulfosuccinates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl ether sulfosuccinates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkylamide sulfo-succinates[;].

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl sulfoacetates[;].

C₆-C₂₄ acyl sarcosinates[;].

C₆-C₂₄ acyl glutamates,

characterized in that the alkyl or acyl groups of all said compounds contain from 6 to 24 carbon atoms and the aryl group is chosen from a phenyl group and a benzyl group;

C₁₂-C₂₀ alkyl esters of polyglycosidecarboxylic acids[;].

C₁₂-C₂₀ alkyl sulfosuccinamates,

C₁₂-C₂₀ acyl isethionates and

C₁₂-C₂₀ N-acyltaurates[;].

characterized in that the alkyl or acyl group of said compounds chosen from

C₁₂-C₂₀ alkyl esters of polyglycosidecarboxylic acids

alkyl sulfosuccinamates,

acyl isethionates and

N-acyltaurates contain 12 to 20 carbon atoms.

25. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that the at least one anionic surfactant is chosen from the alkali metal salts, ammonium salts, amine salts, amino alcohol salts or alkaline-earth metal salts of the following compounds:

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl sulfates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl ether sulfates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkylamido ether sulfates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkylarylpolyether sulfates wherein the aryl group is chosen from a phenyl group or a benzyl group,

C₆-C₂₄ monoglyceride sulfates[;],

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl sulfonates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl ether carboxylates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl phosphates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkylamide sulfonates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkylaryl sulfonates wherein the aryl group is chosen from a phenyl group or a benzyl group,

C₆-C₂₄ α-olefin sulfonates,

C₆-C₂₄ paraffin sulfonates[;].

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl sulfosuccinates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl ether sulfosuccinates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkylamide sulfo-succinates[[:]],

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl sulfoacetates[[:]],

C₆-C₂₄ acyl sarcosinates[[:]], and

C₆-C₂₄ acyl glutamates,

characterized in that the alkyl or acyl groups of all said compounds contain from 6 to 24 carbon atoms and the aryl group is chosen from a phenyl group and a benzyl group;

C₁₂-C₂₀ alkyl esters of polyglycosidecarboxylic acids[[:]],

C₁₂-C₂₀ alkyl sulfosuccinamates,

C₁₂-C₂₀ acyl isethionates and

C₁₂-C₂₀ N-acyltaurates,

— characterized in that the alkyl or acyl group of said compounds chosen from C₁₂-C₂₀ alkyl esters of polyglycosidecarboxylic acids alkyl sulfosuccinamates, acyl isethionates and N-acyltaurates contain 12 to 20 carbon atoms.

26. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 24, characterized in that the at least one anionic surfactant is chosen from sodium, magnesium, and ammonium salts of:

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl sulfates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl ether sulfates, and

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl ether carboxylates,-

— characterized in that the alkyl groups of said alkyl sulfates,-

alkyl ether sulfates, and alkyl ether carboxylates contain from 6 to 24 carbon atoms.

27. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 25, characterized in that the at least one anionic surfactant is chosen from sodium, magnesium, and ammonium salts of:

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl sulfates,

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl ether sulfates, and

C₆-C₂₄ alkyl ether carboxylates[[.]],

— characterized in that the alkyl groups of said alkyl sulfates,-
alkyl ether sulfates, and alkyl ether carboxylates contain from 6 to 24 carbon atoms.

28. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that said at least one amphoteric surfactant is chosen from (C₈ -C₂₀) alkylbetaines, (C₈-C₂₀) alkylamido (C₆-C₈)alkylbetaines, alkylamphomono-acetates, and alkylamphodiacetates.

29. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said at least one water-soluble salt is chosen from water-soluble salts (1) of monovalent and divalent metals, (2) of ammonium, (3) of amines, (4) of mineral acids and (5) of organic carboxylic acids.

30 (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said at least one water-soluble salt is chosen from sodium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, ammonium chloride, monoethanolamine chloride, sodium citrate, ammonium citrate, magnesium sulfate, and the sodium salts of phosphoric acid.

31. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said at least one water-soluble salt is present in an amount ranging from 2.25% to 30% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

32. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the weight-average molecular mass of said at least one cationic polymer ranges from greater than 10^5 to 10^8 .

33. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the at least one cationic polymer is chosen from cellulose ether derivatives comprising quaternary ammonium groups, cationic cyclopolymers, guar gums modified with a 2,3-[[30]] epoxypropyltrimethylammonium salt, and quaternary polymers of vinylpyrrolidone and of vinylimidazole.

34. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the at least one cationic polymer is present in an amount ranging from 0.5% to 10% by weight relative to the total[[.]] weight[[::]] of the composition.

35. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the cosmetically acceptable aqueous medium is selected from water, and/or a mixture of water and at least one organic solvent.

36. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one additive chosen from linear, branched and cyclic, organomodified and non-organomodified, volatile and non-volatile silicones; natural and synthetic thickeners and viscosity regulators; C₁₂-C₃₀ fatty alcohols; waxes; oily fatty esters; mineral and synthetic oils; vitamins or provitamins; nacreous agents; pH stabilizers; preserving agents; and dyes.

37. (Previously Presented) A process for treating a keratin material, comprising applying an effective amount of a composition as claimed in claim 1 to said materials and rinsing said composition out after an optional leave-in time.